

14. (Once amended) A composition comprising [mineral salts, preferably] Dead Sea mineral salts, for selectively exfoliating or scrubbing [living tissue such as] skin, the composition including a [water soluble] moisturizing and non-oily base element, the [water soluble] base element being a non-oily element for retaining the mineral salt elements[, preferably] in granular form during use of the composition on skin, whereby the granules are effectively exfoliating or scrubbing agents on [tissue] skin.

18. (Twice amended) A composition comprising at least one of silica or pumice for selectively exfoliating or scrubbing [living tissue such as] skin, the composition including a [water soluble] moisturizing and non-oily base element, the [water soluble] base element being a non-oily element for retaining the silica or pumice [or other scrubbing agents], [preferably] in a form to effectively act as exfoliating or scrubbing [agent] agents on [tissue] skin.

REMARKS

Claims 14-18 are pending in the above-identified application, claims 1-13 and 19-20 having been canceled by Applicant without prejudice pursuant to a restriction requirement having been made final. Accordingly, claims 14-18 remain for consideration.

Claims 14-18 were rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as indefinite.

Claims 14-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,866,145 to Stavroff et al. ("Stavroff et al. '145").

Claims 14, 15, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Stavroff et al. '145 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,922,313 to Steward et al. ("Steward et al. '313"), U.S. Patent No. 5,885,593 to Epstein ("Epstein '593"), and U.S. Patent No. 5,720,961 to Fowler et al. ("Fowler et al. '961").